Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended). A torsional load-resistant hard metal alloy component, consisting essentially of:

tungsten carbide having a mean grain size of less than 1.2 μm;

13 to 23% by weight of a binder consisting of one or more binder metals selected from the group consisting of cobalt, iron, and nickel; and

formed into a component resistant to wear and resistant to torsional loads.

Claim 10 (previously presented). The hard metal alloy component according to claim 9, wherein said tungsten carbide has a mean grain size in a range from 0.7 to 0.9 μm, and said binder metal includes 13 to 17% by weight of cobalt.

Claim 11 (previously presented). The hard metal alloy component according to claim 9, wherein the alloy has a coarse-grain fraction of up to 200 grains/mm^2 with a mean grain size in a range from 6 - 15 μm.

Claim 12 (previously presented). The hard metal alloy component according to claim 9, formed as a screwdriver bit.

Claim 13 (previously presented). A screwdriver bit made from an alloy according to claim 9.

Claim 14 (currently amended). A method for producing a screwdriver bit, comprising:

providing an alloy of tungsten carbide having a mean grain size of less than 1.2 μm, and 13 to 23% by weight of a binder consisting of one or more binder metals selected from the group consisting of cobalt, iron, and nickel; and

forming the screwdriver bit from the alloy by metal powder injection molding.

Claim 15 (previously presented). The method for producing a screwdriver bit according to claim 14, which comprises machining a plurality of parallel web-like elevations running at approximately 45° to a longitudinal axis of the screwdriver bit into an injection mold directly beneath a screwdriver tip.

Claim 16 (previously presented). A screwdriver bit, comprising: an alloy body of tungsten carbide having a mean grain size of less than 1.2 μm and 13 to 23% by weight of a binder consisting of one or more binder metals selected from the group consisting of cobalt, iron, and nickel, produced by metal powder injection molding in an injection mold, said alloy body having a plurality of parallel grooves formed therein at approximately 45° to a longitudinal axis of the screwdriver bit directly beneath a screwdriver tip.

Claim 17 (previously presented). The method for producing a screwdriver bit according to claim 14, which comprises forming the screwdriver bit to have a torsional strength substantially corresponding to a torsional strength of steel.

Claim 18 (previously presented). The hard metal alloy component according to claim 9, wherein the component has a torsional strength substantially corresponding to a torsional strength of steel.